

Divided We Fail

AARP is now taking on a new challenge: demanding solutions from presidential candidates, members of Congress and business and civic leaders. AARP launched Divided We Fail to amplify the voices of millions of Americans who believe that health care and lifetime financial security are the most pressing domestic issues facing our nation. We will be educating voters, building an army of people committed to change and publicizing candidates' positions, so that all Americans can compare where they stand on these critical issues.

The Health Care System Is Broken

At AARP, we believe affordable, quality health care is a fundamental right for all Americans. But many of us are just one major illness or injury away from financial ruin due to the skyrocketing costs of the current system.

Businesses are also struggling to stay competitive due to the enormous expense of health care. We need to improve the health care system by making it more affordable, boosting quality and eliminating waste. But instead of bringing solutions to this problem, politicians in Washington have been content to stall, to argue, to criticize and to blame each other. While they play politics, we are left with huge health care bills, health care premiums and deductibles that are climbing through the roof, eroding benefits and little hope of reasonable, common-sense, balanced solutions.

The Retirement Security System Isn't Much Better

Lifetime financial security is a cornerstone of the American dream: if you work hard and follow the rules, you will be able to retire without financial worries. Yet this dream is being threatened by the demise of traditional retirement pension plans, an economic environment where people find it difficult to save and the looming issue of strengthening Social Security for future generations. While the American dream crumbles, our problems go unsolved. It is time our leaders do their jobs and tackle the people's issues.

At AARP, health and lifetime financial security aren't Republican issues or Democratic issues. They are **American** issues—and Americans have the right to know specifically where our candidates stand.

We have the right to know exactly how our leaders plan to:

- Ensure affordable, quality health care for all.
- Encourage personal responsibility by making it easier to save for retirement.
- Strengthen Social Security for future generations.
- Work to bring people together in a bipartisan way to achieve solutions to these problems.

As Americans, we have the right to demand that our candidates address these critical issues facing our families and, when elected, keep their campaign promises. And if they don't, we the voters have the right to hold them accountable.

The Time For Action Is Now

Already, all across this country, tens of thousands of Americans have joined Divided We Fail to demand change in these important areas. People are saying enough is enough. The American dream shouldn't be limited to the healthy and the wealthy. All of us should have our shot. There's a reason why so many people are concerned about their lives today and are nervous about tomorrow. What thousands of Americans are saying is, "It's time for a change." It's time for our leaders to stand up and address these problems. Now is the time for action!

Make no mistake about it. The presidential candidates and members of Congress will be pressured by enormously powerful special interests to take positions on health care and lifetime financial security that work against those of us trying to live the American dream. That's why it is critically important for each of us to stand up, speak out and demand action from politicians running for office.

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AARP launched Divided We Fail to amplify the voices of millions of Americans who believe that health care and lifetime financial security are the most pressing domestic issues facing our nation.

Join the Movement

If you care about your health and lifetime financial security and agree that it is time to demand meaningful action from the presidential candidates, members of Congress and business leaders, then join the thousands of Americans who have signed up to be Divided We Fail voters.

As a Divided We Fail voter, you will receive information about where the candidates stand on the issues, gain opportunities to join conversations with other voters online and in your community, have interaction with the campaigns, and receive briefings on issues like health care reform, lifetime financial security and much more.

For more information or to become a Divided We Fail voter, go to www.dividedwefail.org.

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AARP is leading a nationwide effort to demand bipartisan action, answers and accountability on healthcare and long-term financial security in America. Your voice and your vote matter. Learn the issues, add your voice and get involved at www.dividedwefail.org

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